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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT DACCA 2243, SENT SECSTATE 28 APRIL:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 2243

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, CIEC, EGEN

SUBJ: U.S. VIEWS ON CIEC

A) STATE 090658; B) STATE 090659

1. IN HIS FIRST OFFICIAL WORKING SESSION WITT NEW MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ADVISORS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FOREIGN MINISTER) SHAMSUL HUQ, AMBASSADOR REVIEWED US VIEWS ON ACHIEVING SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO FORTHCOMING CIEC. BOTH GENERAL TALKING POINTS AND THOSE ON SPECIFIC AREAS (REFTEL A) WERE COVERED, AS WELL AS US POSITION ON JUTE (PARA 3E REFTTEL B). AMBASSADOR ASKED HUQ TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO OUR VIEWS AND TO USE BANGLADESH'S INFLUENCE TO HELP ACHIEVE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF CIEC MEETING.

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2. SHAMSUL HUQ, WHO HAD TWO NOTE-TAKERS WITH HIM, LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO PRESENTATION. NEW TO HIS POSITION, HE DID NOT COMMENT IN DETAIL ON SUBSTANCE OF PRESENTATION BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR IT. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN JUTE, AND ASKED ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH USG WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN MARKET PROMOTION AND R&D. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS, OF COURSE, SUBJECT FOR TECHNICAL CONSIDER-

ATION AND DISCUSSION BETWEEN GROWERS AND BUYERS.ASKED
IF USG COULD HELP REHABILITATE BANGLADESH JUTE MILLS,
AMBASSADOR SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE A SUITABLE AID PROJECT
BUT COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF SPARE PARTS FOR US EQUIPMENT
WOULD BE POSSIBLE, AS WOULD US PRIVATE INVESTMENT. BOTH
WOULD BE FACILITATED BY A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO NATIONAL-
IZATION PROBLEMS, WTICH WERE NOW REPEAT NOW MOVING AHEAD,
AND WHICH WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR POSSIBLE EXIM AND OPIC
ASSISTANCE. MASTERS UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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